

Advisory Council Meeting Notes for June 11, 2008

The Advisory Council Meeting met on June 11, 2008 at 10:00am.

Members present were: Anita Yekel, Eric Nicklas, Gail McCray, Mike Wood, Ray Smith, Charles Smith, Ray Wicks, Sharon Sevier, Mary Beth Bruns sat in for Brian Baker (phone)

Others present were: Curt Fuchs, Jamie Hoecker, Ben Kolb, Geri Burkheimer, and Julie Zaring

The first order of business was to introduce the new board members. Mike Wood, representing MSTA will be replacing Gail McCray and Charles Smith, representing MNEA will be replacing Ray Smith.

Curt also announced that Angie Skinner has left MOVIP for another position at DESE. He also mentioned that Jamie Hoecker will be leaving MOVIP in August, for a teaching position at Jeff City High School. The temporary help, Annette Fischer's last day is June 30th.

The 07-08 Overall Statistics were reviewed showing that 3,159 students attempted classes in the MoVIP program. Curt mentioned that exit codes will be mandatory next year which will assist in compiling true drops & transfers. Specific data about the 2007-2008 school year will not be available until in late summer.

After some discussion it was determined that the acceptance of the MOVIP program has greatly improved throughout the school districts in Missouri.

Discussion centered around adjusting policies to prevent some of the problems encountered in the first year. (Drops, completions, withdrawals). Throughout the discussion, it was suggested that DESE come up with a way to "sign off" on the policies to hold students accountable, DESE agreed to that possibility.

Also suggested, was the need to come up with a type of "sign off" policy with regards to differentiated instruction as well.

It was then suggested that we add a special education representative to the advisory board.

Ben Kolb, principal for the elementary program gave an overview of how the elementary program evolved over the last year and future changes. Some of the highlights included:

- Hired one new teacher and have at least two more to go.

- Offering new classes, including sign language, home life and a new gifted program for grades 3-5
- Dianna Hennage will be the liaison for the new gifted program.

Acceptance into the gifted program requires state approval criteria including specific testing. Discussions led to where the parents can obtain the test for their children. DESE will direct parents to known available resources.

Field Trips will be expanded for next year and are spread out all over the state.

The clubs/activities have been changed to include only local Missouri students.

Geri Burkheimer the Science Instructional Team Leader presented the changes on the secondary side. The highlights were:

New approach by housing the administration on the NWMSU campus in Maryville, MO to facilitate communication & efficiency.

Working to have a phone operator from 5-9pm for all students to contact when necessary

- Teachers are working together to increase and improve level of communications with the students
- Teacher ratios will be followed closer to ensure teacher/student success in communication etc.
- Checking into possible emailing the site facilitators to check on pre-requisites to ensure more success for students

Looking into a “homeroom” teacher for one point of contact for all students (part & full time)

- To improve efficiency they are also looking to complete welcome calls in the 2 weeks prior to the start date as apposed to 2 days before.

The hiring of the new teachers will be handled by administrative staff at NWMSU and will include interviews in the Kansas City area.

Students who are entering the middle school will have the opportunity to attend orientation meetings in early August.

Curt went over the new budget (see handout). MoVIP will again plan for an overage of enrollments knowing that some students will drop during the grace period. MoVIP estimates serving approximately 2400 students for 08-09 (19,277 semester classes).

Next year both Secondary and Elementary will be using the same Student Information System (SIS)

Representative Brian Baker discussed the increase of \$600,000 appropriation this year.

Some concerns he highlighted: Still have a few schools not wanting to work with MOVIP Classes, especially with part-time students. Part-time students are not a new concept it's just more popular now with MOVIP in the picture. Baker suggested having more data will assist in obtaining more money for the program next year. It was pointed out that existing laws allow for part-time students.

Senate Bill 64 which provides MoVIP services to students in districts with provisional certification was discussed. DESE will be sending out to the local school districts information about this law.

MOVIP is starting to Re-bid the vendor services for the 2009/2010 school year. There will be several components and DESE will be contracting out more roles.

We discussed comments gathered after the MAP testing and EOC experience for teachers and parents.

MoVIP Teacher Training Conference will be August 13 & 14. All MoVIP teachers will be participating in a formal online course offered by eLearning at MU.

Summer school currently has 75 enrollments

Attachment: Budget